the hosting of 66th General Assembly Session of International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) in New Delhi in the second week of October, 1997. Over 700 delegates including Chiefs of Interpol from all member countries are expected to attend the Conference.

**Dacoities in running trains in Bihar**

2648. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of incidents of dacoities and looting in running trains in the first two months of 1997; and comparative details for the preceding two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that such incidents have become rampant in Bihar since 1991; and

(c) the steps being taken to curb and prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Guidelines for Displaying Photographs of the Leaders**

2649. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines for displaying of phoptographs of the leaders by the Central Government as well as by the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do it now and lay on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

**Additional Camels for BSF**

2650. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force is entrusted with the protection of border adjoining Pakistan in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that use of camels by the BSF personnel is an essential element in the surveillance of the border;

(c) if so, the number of camels at the disposal of the BSF at present in the border area of Gujarat during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to augment the number of camels in the Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) though the use of camels by the BSF personnel is an essential element for the surveillance of the border in Gujarat, tractors are also being used for border patrolling in Gujarat.

(c) The number of camels at the disposal of BSF during the last three years was as under:

| Year | Sanctioned | Actually held |
|---|---|---|
| 1994 | 210 | 186 |
| 1995 | 210 | 176 |
| 1996 | 105* | 96 |

*16 tractors with trollys were provided to BSF in lieu of 105 camels.

(d) Deficiency of 9 camels in 1996 is being met by purchase of more camels and sufficient funds have been allotted for this purpose.